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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Headquarters by Representative Hastings  
Keith (R., Mass.)

25X1A 1. Representative Hastings Keith (R., Mass.) and his Administrative  
25X1A Assistant, Lloyd Salvetti, visited the Agency for an hour and a half this  
morning for a briefing on Soviet leadership by [ ] and  
[ ] of OCI. The undersigned attended throughout with  
Mr. Maury who was available only at the beginning and the end because of  
the morning meeting.

25X1A 2. This visit evolved out of a polite refusal to brief Mr. Keith on  
the intelligence estimates concerning the Soviet threat requested by  
Mr. Salvetti on 23 June 1969. Mr. Keith used a great portion of the time  
in thinking out loud and giving his impressions of the communist situation  
in various countries and his evaluation of the views of others on this subject.  
His questions seemed more designed to provoke a response and a testing of  
Agency views than they were a real search for information. The nondefensive  
and fully responsive answers provided by [ ] appeared  
to be well received and helpful to Mr. Keith.

25X1 3. He voiced misgivings on whether he and even members having  
related committee assignments were thoroughly effective in the areas of  
national security and foreign affairs, making specific reference to  
[ ]

4. Mr. Keith gave little appearance of being properly acquainted  
with the mission of the Agency and it is believed that it would be time well  
spent to accept his invitation to meet with him in his office to review the  
Agency's overall functions.

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5. Mr. Keith said that earlier this year he had learned the ChiCom's were making excessive copper purchases. He said Mr. Salvetti had tried to find out from the Agency whether this was so and its meaning and the Agency had supplied contradictory reports. Mr. Keith couldn't understand why the Agency couldn't properly report on a subject such as this to a congressman's office within 24 hours. In response to my question Salvetti admitted he had not gone through our office. Following the briefing and while alone with me, Salvetti said he would call me later to explain.

6. Follow-up items:

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- a. Mr. Keith was interested in knowing whether  was ever employed by the Agency.

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- b. Determine whether any further reporting to Mr. Keith on ChiCom purchases of copper earlier this year would serve a useful purpose.

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